



Oswego High School Bands: Crystals Information



Season's Greetings!

It's hard to believe, but Crystals is almost here! All of the bands have been working extremely hard for the big event. For those of you who have never been to a Crystals concert before, you're in for a real treat. Each ensemble in the school, including jazz bands, choirs and small ensembles perform one song without any applause in between. Each group is stationed in a different position in the auditorium, surrounding the audience. With the combination of lights, sound and decorations, this performance is sure to put you in the holiday mood! With four sold out concerts over the Dec. 7th and 8th weekend, this is the largest school and community event that the bands and choirs put on. We can't wait to ring in the holidays with family and friends of the OHS Music Department! See you there!!!

Musically,
Kevin Schoenbach, Assoc. Director of Bands
Craig Roselieb, Band Director
and the OHS Band Boosters

Schedule

Thursday, December 5	5:00-9:00ish	Mandatory rehearsal for all students
Saturday, December 7	4:15	Call Time
	5:00	First Performance
	8:00	Second Performance
Sunday, December 8	1:15	Call Time
	2:00	Third Performance
	5:00	Fourth Performance

Volunteers Needed

It takes many volunteers to make these concerts run smoothly and efficiently. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to get the audience seated and get the students on stage at the right time. After you have seen one of these concerts you will wonder how it all gets pulled together. Here is your chance to find out! It takes more than 145 volunteers over 2 days to get it all done. Help from all our band booster families is needed! Many parents volunteer at the show before or after the one they are attending. If you can help, please check out the following link to sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/kqxXSnX>

Student Parking

All students who are driving to the performances must park on the football stadium side of the building. They should then enter door 38 where a volunteer will be stationed to let them in the building up until 5 minutes past the call time each day. Students may drop off items they are bringing at the band room and then go and park on the other side of the building. Students who are just being dropped off and not parking may be dropped off at the band room. This is for the performance days only. Students may park on the band room side for the rehearsal.

Ornaments

Don't miss out on adding this year's Crystals ornament to your collection or starting your new collection. The 15th in a series of dated ornaments is available this year. A limited number of ornaments will be available to purchase before or after the concerts in the atrium.

Crystals Concessions

The Band Boosters will be selling sandwiches, snacks and drinks to band students only in the band room at Crystals on Saturday 4:30-8:30 pm and Sunday 1:30-5:30 pm. We will have Gatorade, water and other drinks, a variety of chips and cookies, and candy. We have not yet finalized our sandwich selections for Saturday and Sunday; check the band room Thursday night for this information. Bring money this weekend so you don't go hungry! Of course, you are welcome to bring any food you want from home,

Quiet Room

A quiet room for studying will be provided and staffed by volunteers. Only students working on homework may use this space.

Amazon Smile Program

Just in time for your Holiday Shopping! When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your purchase to OHS Band Boosters. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-3436348> and support us every time you shop.

Crystals Grams

We will again be selling Crystal Grams for \$1 in the lobby before each show to family and friends. These are forms that you can personalize with well wishes, notes of pride, fun sentiments, etc. for your band or vocal student. A “fun size” candy or upscale candy cane will be attached and delivered to the students (in the band or choir room) during the show. These can be sent by anyone - students, friends and family members. A supply of candy gram forms will be in the Band Room starting on Dec. 4 so students can purchase and send them to their friends. Students will need exact change and Crystal Grams should be turned in to the Directors by the end of rehearsal on Dec 6. A sheet of Crystal Gram forms is included with this email. Parents can print and fill them out at home before you arrive for the concert if you wish to save time.

Procedures, Rules and Expectations

In order to ensure smooth, efficient and enjoyable dress rehearsals/performances, students must abide by the following procedures, rules and expectations. If a student does not follow the guidelines, he/she will receive a lowered grade, detention/referral, and/or other disciplinary measure.

Dress Rehearsal - Thursday Dec. 5 5:00-9:00

Procedures

1. Students will sign in at band room and take out instrument/music.
2. Students will go to the auditorium and sit in assigned seats with band.
3. Students may bring homework, a book, etc. to pass the time in between their performances.

Rules and Expectations

1. Students will remain silent during rehearsal as talking will distract the performers.
2. No food, drinks or gum allowed in the auditorium, only water.
3. Students must remain in the auditorium for the entire rehearsal.

Performances - Saturday Dec. 7 and Sunday Dec. 8

Procedures

1. Students must arrive 45 min. before first performance each day in full uniform and sign in.
 - *Saturday call time 4:15pm (Performances at 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm)
 - *Sunday call time 1:15pm (Performances at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm)
2. Students will sign in at the band room and take out instrument for full band warm up.

Rules and Expectations

1. Students will remain quiet in the band room unless they are performing. Students will not be allowed to “hang out” in practice rooms, instrument locker room, hallways, atrium, etc.
2. If a student needs to use the bathroom, they must ask a parent volunteer first.
3. Students may bring snacks, but MUST pick up after themselves. Students are not allowed to go to the vending machines during performances.
4. Students may not order pizza or other food and have it delivered to the band room.
5. Students should bring homework, handheld games, board games, etc. to pass the time in between their performances. TVs/GAME CONSOLES ARE NOT ALLOWED!
6. Students will not yell, run, jump, throw anything, talk loudly, etc. at any point (during performances or in between performances) while in OHS for any part of Crystals.
7. If a student’s instrument is not in their hands, it is in the case. No one touches anyone else’s instrument. No one leaves their instrument on the ground outside of the case.
8. It is the student’s responsibility to know when to leave the band room and go to the auditorium for their band’s performance. Parent volunteers will help students with this, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to make their performance.
9. Students may visit relatives and friends in the lobby after the concert, but please know that:
 - *Students may not leave in between performances, even with parents.
 - *No one but band members and parent volunteers are allowed in the band room at any time during or in between performances.
 - *Students must remain fully dressed in concert uniform (bow tie/cummerbund on, tucked in shirt, etc.) while in lobby and parts of school other than band room.